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SUBJ: US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (USDOL) SEMINAR PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY LABOR REPORTING OFFICER ON JULY 13 DISCUSSED PLANS FOR USDOL SEMINAR ON "MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT AND EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT" WITH 1HANAWIT SUPAWANIT, DIRECTOR OF LABOR TRAINING INSTITUTE, RTG DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (RTG DOL). RTG DOL APPROVES IN GENERAL SEMINAR OUTLINE WHICH CHARLES ROBERTS SUBMITTED LAST MAY BUT REQUESTS SEMINAR BE EXPANDED FROM THREE TO FOUR DAYS. RTG PROPOSES SEMINAR BE HELD FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1978, INCLUSIVE. PLEASE ADVISE AT EARLIEST CONVENIENC WHETHER USDOL CONCURS WITH PROPOSED DATES.

2. RTG DOL HAS NOT YET SELECTED SEMINAR SITE BUT IS CONSIDERING FACILITY IN CHA-AM, TOWN LOCATED 200 KILOMETERS FROM BANGKOK ON EAST COAST OF GULF OF THAILAND. THANAWIT SAID ROSE GARDEN TOO COSTLY UNLESS USDOL PREPARED SUBSIDIZE PER DIEM FOR THAI PARTICIPANTS. LABOR REPORTING OFFICER REPLIED THAT FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE SIMILAR TO THOSE FOR MAY SEMINAR, I.E. USDOL WOULD PAY EXPENSES OF US SEMINAR LEADERS, COSTS OF PREPARING SEMINAR
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MATERIALS AND WOULD PROVIDE ANY REQUIRED EQUIPMENT. RTG DOL WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE SEMINAR SITE AND PAY PER DIEM EXPENSES OF THAI PARTICIPANTS.

3. RTG DOL HAS NOT YET NAMED THAI PARTICIPANTS FOR SEMINAR BUT IS PLANNING FOR 25 PARTICIPANTS. THESE WOULD INCLUDE RTG DOL DIRECTOR GENERAL, HIS TWO DEPUTIES, NINE DIVISION

CHIEFS, FOUR INSPECTORS, SIX SECTION CHIEFS AND SEVERAL
PROVINCIAL LABOR OFFICERS.

4. ALTHOUGH RTG DOL APPROVES PROPOSED SEMINAR OUTLINE IN
GENERAL, THANAWIT HAD FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS ON VARIOUS
SPECIFIC TOPICS:

- A. EXPAND DISCUSSION ON "ORGANIZATION" (PAGE 2) TO
INCLUDE CRITIQUE OF RTG DOL ORGANIZATIONAL
STRUCTURE. THANAWIT WILL PROVIDE COPY OF RTG DOL
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART.
- B. DELETE TOPIC "MOTIVATION" (PAGE 3) AS TOO DIFFICULT
GIVEN CROSS-CULTURAL SEMINAR SETTING.
- C. DELETE TOPIC "BUDGETING FOR MANAGERS" (PAGE 4)
AS MARGINAL.
- D. EXPAND TOPIC "STATISTICS FOR MANAGEMENT" (PAGE 5)
TO HALF DAY.
- E. EXPAND TOPIC "PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL"
(PAGE 5) TO HALF DAY.

5. DUE TO OTHER BUSINESS, RTG DOL DIRECTOR GENERAL COULD
NOT PARTICIPATE IN MEETING BETWEEN LABOR REPORTING OFFICER
AND THANAWIT. HE DID, HOWEVER, INDICATE HIS PERSONAL
INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED USDOL SEMINAR. EMBASSY
BELIEVES SEMINAR SHOULD AFFORD EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO
REACH SENIOR OFFICIALS IN RTG DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.
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